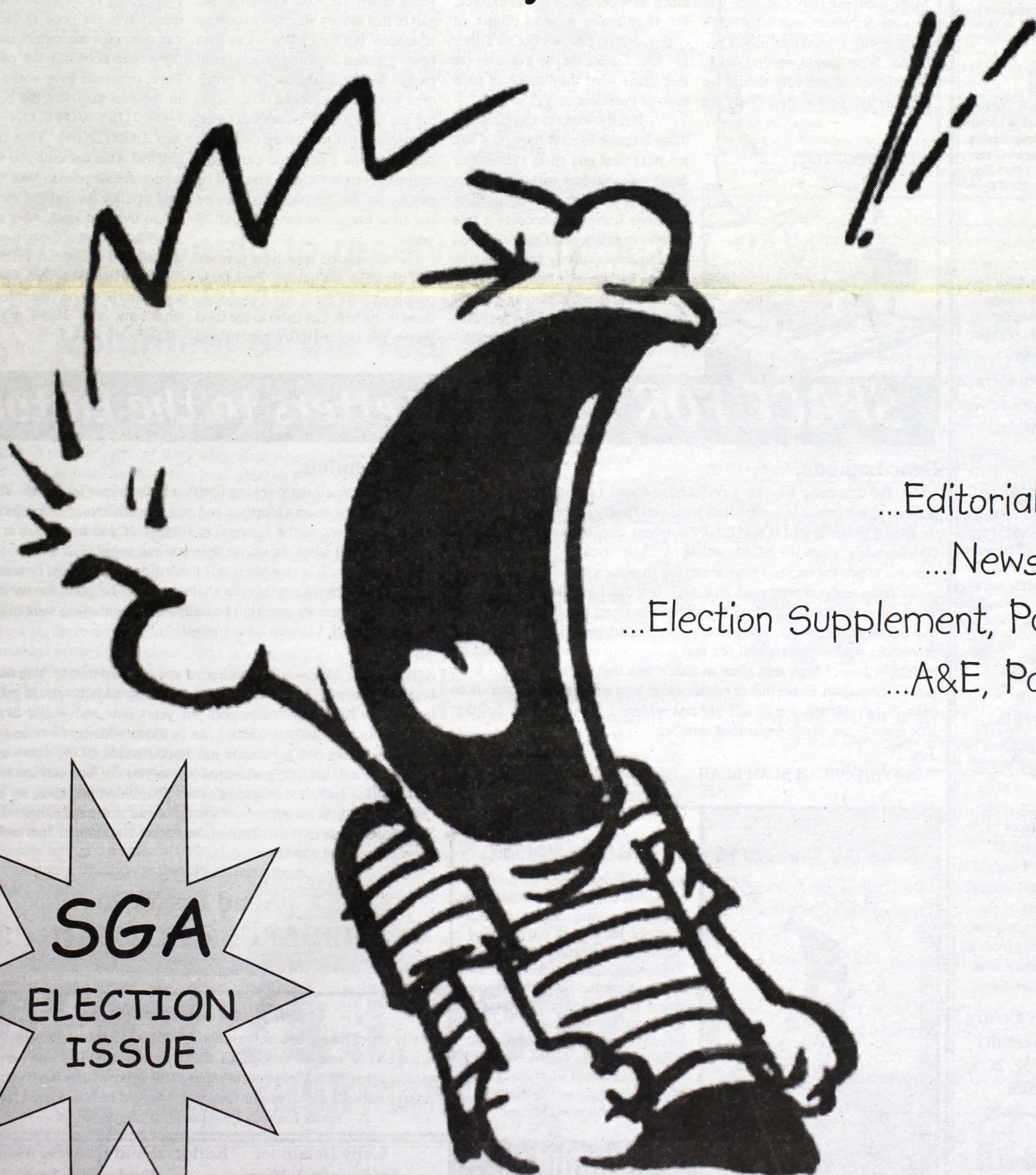


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EDITOR'S CORNER

Off To the Races...

By Mat Thompson

Editor In Chief

Finally, we are off to the races. The SGA has finally become hot topic around the school and we have an old fashioned election on our hands. Hell, this hasn't happened for a few years now.

Actually, this is probably the first year in about four years where all three major SGA positions are being contested by more than one candidate. Lately, it seems to be that if you walk through the doors of the SGA, they give you at least a VP position. Now, you actually have to prove your worth to the students to even have a shot.

This is where you, the students, come in. Don't just vote on these people just because they have cool posters (and there are some damn cool posters out there). Make the candidates work for your vote! Make them not only convince you to vote for them, but also make them justify themselves in that position. Why would one be better than the other, and why should we support this person financially for

one year as a student representative.

What do I mean support these people financially for a year? These students are not only becoming a student representative for the Students' General Association, but your student fees go towards paying and housing these students for a year.

Each SGA Executive gets either free room and board in MSR, or the equivalent of that amount monthly towards off-campus housing. So you have to think, not only would you want this person in a position of power in the SGA, but do they deserve to live off the student's tab for an entire year all the while defending students against higher debt and outrageous tuition and housing fees. Not a bad deal... and they get paid too.

Oh yeah, these positions are paid as well. They don't make as much as a person in the workforce, but they make a good chunk of change for the job they do. As Editor In Chief I make maybe a quarter (or less than) what they make in their term as President or VP.

Really look at these candidates because even if they do a shit job next year and sit in their office doing jack shit, they will still be making way more than most of us. SGA positions sometimes become a free ride for students who figure they can slide in on popularity and ride out a year on the money of the student.

Just think about it. In your fees you pay a yearly SGA fee. This fee is broken down into different ar-

eas (including a small portion to Lambda... thanks). Part of this fee goes towards the day to day running of the SGA. Part of this day to day expense is payroll for the executive members. Now think about where the money comes from again. A lot of that money comes from the pennies you have scraped together to come to school on your own. You worked hard for that money. That money was saved up to get you a better education. Now part of that money is paying a student representative, good or bad. Did you flip burgers an extra 10 hours a week to pay their way? Think about it!

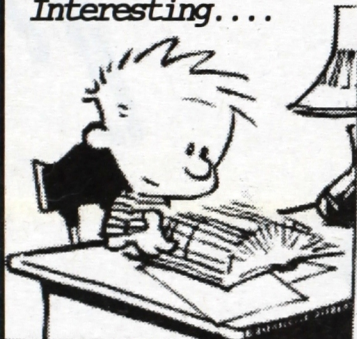
And what about those of us on OSAP? We will be paying back our student loans until our own children begin to decide where they want to go to university. Do you want to be making a \$400 payment twenty years down the road knowing that part of that money was never for your education, but for a VP Services who never planned anything except small parties for their friends; or a president who sat in a locked office surfing the net; or a VP Issues who used the position to further their own militant views in a personal campaign against the right or left? You will be paying for the people who become our new executive for the next 20 years!

Go to the question periods that the SGA are having. Find these people and ask them questions. Stop them in the hall. Get them in the food line in the Great Hall. Corner them

at a urinal and ask them why should they be in that position and what they will do. Do not accept political bullshit this year. We finally get to make a choice and I want the choice, for the first time in a long time, to be the right one!

I have my picks already, but I am going to hit them with every question in the book to see if they can convince me otherwise. There have been people in the past that I have, or would have voted for, but in the end they shit the bed. DO NOT JUST VOTE ON NAME RECOGNITION! Vote thinking that this is the last time you will vote a person into power. Vote thinking that you are paying for these people to live and work. Vote the people who deserve the job and will actually do it. MAKE THEM JUSTIFY THEMSELVES IN THAT POSITION! Get all the information you can, and JUST F***ING VOTE...

Interesting....



SPACE FOR RANT ... Letters to the Editor

Dear Lambda,

How pathetic are you guys? I have found Lambda to be a pretty pathetic paper this year, but this last issue you finally proved it! I picked up the paper, noticing that it was finally a decent size, but as I turned to the Opinion page, I saw the BLAH article by Chris Dyck. What the hell was this article printed for. You guys are trying to make yourselves into a good paper again and you print trash like this? Is it that Lambda had nothing to write about, or is that Mr. Dyck thinks he is so smart that he does not have to write anything, and still be perceived as a smart guy. I hope some of his professors see this article and see that he is about as deep as a dried up puddle in June. I hope that after an article like that Chris is banned from ever writing again. Either that or you should at least tell him that his sentences have to have actual words and phrases within. I hate to say it, but that article made the whole paper look dumber.

Joe B.

Editor's Note: BLAH BLAH BLAH... this is what I hear from you.

Dear Lambda,

What was with all the smoking bashing in the paper last week. You really seemed to stand up on a soap box and ram as much anti-smoking propaganda down the throats of the Laurentian student. If you have such a problem with where and when we smoke then you can avoid us, it's that simple. We chose to smoke. It is an addiction. I think the school should be a little more tolerant to the smokers. Maybe shelters would be good for us. Maybe if you treat us better we wouldn't be such a 'problem' as we were made out to be. So, back off, I can do what I want!

Smokey

Editor's Note: I know it's an addiction and it's hard to stop. You do deserve better treatment... but those of us who are also addicts should get benefits too. I have been addicted to porn for years now and would like special 'porn rooms' on campus where I can be alone with my favorite addiction. Actually, if they don't, I should just stand outside all the doorways of the school and indulge in my addiction just as you do! You can smoke while I look at porn. Hell, just as smoke raises your blood pressure, my porn will raise mine. I think all addictions should be out in the open, harmful or not! Sex addicts... meet me in front of the Parker Building at 3pm and we will show them a real addiction!

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Campus Internet Slower Than Grandma Tilley

by Matt Kent
Staff Writer

It seems that lately the Internet on campus has slowed to a crawl, and as a residence student I can speak from experience. But the thing is, it's not the University's fault. You know that friend of yours with the 40 or 80 gigabyte hard drive? The guy who sets a list of a hundred or so items up for download then leaves his computer running all night and day for the next week? The guy who has more porn than the Adult Movie Warehouse and Loveshack combined? He's the one to blame. It's not just one person; I can name at least ten or twenty different people to blame, and at times even myself. It's programs like Morpheus, Kazaa, Direct Connect, Imesh, and whatever other download programs I may have missed. What happens is this: the guy starts to download a bunch of stuff, but is restricted by how much bandwidth (space in the line for information transfer) is available. But when someone else somewhere in residence gets off the Internet or Morpheus or whatever, they free up the bandwidth they were using, which then gets snatched up by the other downloaders. The result is that

when we all turn our computers off at night, these guys swallow up the rest of the bandwidth. Also, when you have 400 or so people downloading at the same time, it's gonna bung the network up really quick.

The problem here is that the computer service folks have no say in the matter. The people in residence don't restrict themselves and unless a company like Sony or Universal comes to them with a complaint about someone on campus pirating software or music, they can't do anything. They have had a couple instances where they had to pull someone's service due to copyright infringement, but because our rooms are like apartments, they have no right to invade our privacy. Even when people are running file servers (systems where people can download stuff from them over the Internet).

Next year, the University says that everyone will have to run a client program on their PC in order to connect to the network. What this does is allow the computer service people to put a cap on the bandwidth of each user. It's like a valve that restricts the amount of information

that can leave and enter each computer. If you want a higher bandwidth, you pay. The default free bandwidth will still be faster than 56k so there shouldn't be any problems. Of course we will have the occasional pain in the ass who will bitch and moan cause he can't download his porn fast enough, and there will be computer hackers who will find some way around the cap and will get their service yanked. But screw them! I want to check my email and play Half-Life! It doesn't take too much to play online and I haven't even been able to do that lately, only over the network because it doesn't go off-campus. Anyway, if you have friends using Morpheus and Kazaa, give them hell for slowing our asses down.

Questions should be forwarded to Computer Services at LCTS@nickel.laurentian.ca

Fun Fact: On January 1st 2002, that's right someone stayed here rather than go get plastered, the computer services people recorded one user uploading 70 gigabytes in just 21 hours! If you know this guy...beat him, beat him good.

News Briefs

Laurentian Engineering Students Win Canada Mining Games

Laurentian University's School of Engineering continued its domination of the Canadian Mining Games with its third championship title in the last four years. Hosted over the February 23 weekend by the University of British Columbia, the 2002 Canadian Mining Games enabled students from ten Canadian universities to meet and compete.

On the line was the title of "Top Mining/Metallurgy Students in Canada." The following events were part of the competition: mine rescue, mineral processing design, tailings dam failure, jackleg drilling, mine design, rock mechanics, blasting, surveying, ventilation and a problem set. Laurentian University placed high in the events requiring small groups of people and excelled in the team-inclusive events, and secured a victory over a strong team from the University of Alberta.

The members of the Laurentian team include: Tim Verlaan, Derek Kulyski, Luke Kempers, Tim Hunt, Craig Stuart, Richard Bartlett, Darren Mawhinney, Peter Lind, Curtis Deredin, Eila Kaukolin, Kamal Ughadpaga, Erin Legault-Séguin, Jay Rutledge, Amy Byers, James Kellestine and Colin Pegues.

Laurentian University has an impressive record with four gold, five silver and one bronze in the 12-year history of the Canadian Mining Games. It has the best overall record at the competition since its launch.

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Ron MacDonald to receive 2001-2002 Pat Poland Laurentian University Volunteer of the Year Award

LU Press Release

Laurentian University is pleased to announce that Mr. Ron MacDonald is the recipient of the 2001-2002 Pat Poland Laurentian University Volunteer of the Year Award. This award was established in 1995 to recognize Mr. Poland's diligent and practical approach to volunteerism. His wholehearted commitment to the Laurentian University Alumni Association, as well as his dedication to promoting a fruitful relationship between the University and the Sudbury community are reflected in the award that now bears his name.

Ron MacDonald has been a dedicated member of Laurentian University's Board of Governors since 1990 and has chaired the Staff Relations Committee since 1993. A representative of Thorneloe University, he has also served on numerous board committees, including the Building and Planning, Development and Public Relations, and Executive committees.

He has also served as a Cambrian College Board member from 1985 to 1990 and from 1997 to the present where he served as Chair from 1999 to 2001. Over the years, Mr. MacDonald has contributed significantly both on the local and provincial level through the Board's various standing committees. He is also a founding member and past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Northern Centre for Advanced Technology Inc. (NORCAT) at Cambrian and is currently a member of the Cambrian Foundation Board of Directors.

Mr. MacDonald is a member of the United Way/Centraide and a director of the Sudbury Hospital Foundation. He was a member of the Sudbury Regional Hospital Board for nine years, past Sudbury Hydro Commissioner and member of the Transition Board for the City of Greater Sudbury.

A retired staff representative with the United Steelworkers of America, Ron MacDonald's consid-

erable community involvement six years as a member of the Sudbury Regional Development Corporation, and six years as a member of the Northern Ontario Economic Diversification Project. Mr. MacDonald was a founding member of Ontario's Northern Heritage Board and of United Way Sudbury, a member of Science North's Board of Directors, a past councillor with the City of Sudbury, and a former member of numerous organizations including Sudbury 2001 and the Canadian Cancer Society.

Mr. Ron MacDonald will receive the Pat Poland Laurentian University Volunteer of the Year Award during the evening of Wednesday, April 24, at Bryston's on the Park in Copper Cliff. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be reserved by contacting the Public Affairs Office at (705) 673-6566. Donations can also be made to the Pat Poland Bursary at Laurentian University (official tax receipts issued for donations of \$35 or more).

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SGA Presidential Nominees

Rick "Peety" Graziotto

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Experience

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- Present Single Student Residence President 2000 - 2001
- Single Student Residence Athletic Coordinator 1999 - 2000

Kerry McCallum

Hi Laurentian,

My name is Kerry McCallum, I am a 3rd year Biochemistry student and I am running for SGA President. During my 1st year at Laurentian I was an off-campus representative for the SGA and I have been a T.A. for the Chemistry department for the last two years. I realize that Laurentian students need to know the SGA is working for them and I believe that I have all the qualities/qualifications required to fulfill the presidential role. First I am an off campus student. I was born in Sudbury so I know the area, the infrastructures and the businesses of this town (as we all know local businesses assist in many ways to university life). Secondly, I am very visible within the school setting and well known for being very opinionated outspoken and I stand up for what I believe is right. But most importantly I know how to listen with an open mind and ask questions for understanding.



Je suis une étudiante qui aime cette université, qui veut que cette institution a une réputation de tolérance et de compréhension. Je vais avoir un objectif l'année prochaine, d'avoir une université unit, avec un atmosphère agréable pour les étudiants(es) en résidence et hors campus. J'ai beaucoup d'idées pour l'année prochaine j'espère que je peux faire les idées une réalité.

Bonne Chance à tous, Good luck to all the candidates.

SGA AGE

ELECTION DATES TO REMEMBER...

CANDIDATE SPEECHES:

Tuesday, March 26, 2002
11:30 - 1 @ Science II Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 27th, 2002
11:30 - 1 @ The Great Hall

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Tuesday, April 2, 2002
9am - 7:30pm
Wednesday, April 3, 2002
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Andrew "Bubbles" Noakowski

Hello Laurentian!

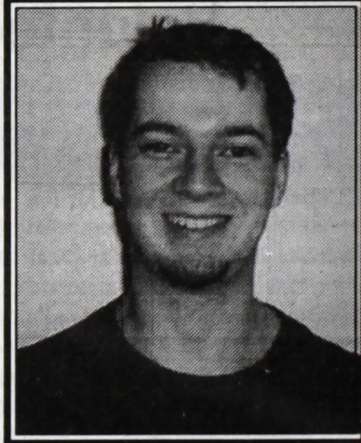
Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Andrew "Bubbles" Noakowski and I would love to be your SGA President next year. It's my fifth year here at Laurentian, and after finally figuring out what I want to do with my life, I'm about to graduate with a four-year Economics degree.

I guess to make an informed decision on who to vote for in a Presidential race, you need to know a little about the candidates. Let me take this opportunity to talk a little about what I've been doing for the past couple years. For the past two years I've been President of University College Residence Council. As you can well imagine, that has given me the opportunity to listen to many people's problems and try to right the wrongs that I see on a daily basis. Aside from my Council work, I've also donated my time to the SGA. Earlier this year I was on the organizing committee for the 2nd Annual Charity Ball, it was better than last year and hopefully that trend continues. Also, this past summer I was on the SGA's Dragon Boat team to help raise money for charity.

Ok, enough with the "History of Me" portion of the letter. Lets get down to what really matters, why I feel that I am the best candidate that you have for President of the SGA. I feel that I possess the mental toughness it takes to front the SGA, leadership, approachability, logic, resourcefulness, sensibility, work ethic, and above all else I have the dedication that you need in a President. This position is more than just attending meetings and having an office. This position is about representing you in the best possible way.

Have a Great Day,

Andrew "Bubbles" Noakowski



Bonjour Laurentienne!

Je voudrais commencer en m'excusant pour mon mauvais français. Cette lettre a été traduite avec l'aide d'un de mes amis francophone Serge.

Permettez moi de m'introduire. Mon nom est Andrew "Bubbles" Noakowski et j'aimerais bien être votre président de l'AGE l'année prochaine. J'en suis en ma cinquième année ici à la Laurentienne et, après quelques temps de réflexion à propos de mes plans futurs, je m'apprête à graduer du programme de quatre ans en sciences économiques.

Je suppose que pour faire le bon choix de vote dans une campagne présidentielle, on a besoin d'un peu d'information au sujet des candidats. Laissez moi prendre cette chance de vous parler un peu des choses que j'ai faits durant les dernières quelques années. Depuis deux ans, je suis le président du conseil étudiant de la Résidence du Collège Universitaire. Comme vous l'avez peut-être deviné, cela m'a donné l'opportunité d'écouter les plaintes de beaucoup de gens et d'en juger le bien du mal d'après mes expériences journalières. Apart mes travaux pour le conseil étudiant, j'ai offert beaucoup de mon temps à l'AGE. Plus tôt cette année, j'étais sur le comité du deuxième Bal de Charité Annuel, qui était un succès cette année et j'espère qu'il en sera pour les années futures. De plus, l'été dernière j'étais sur l'équipe de Bateau du Dragon de l'AGE qui compétitionnait pour faire une levée de fonds pour des oeuvres de charité.

Bon, assez de "mon histoire" dans cette lettre. Discutons un peu de choses plus importantes: mes raisons de croire être le meilleur candidat pour la position de Président de l'AGE. Je pense posséder les atouts mentaux critiques à une telle position: j'ai un bon sens de leadership, de logique et de débrouillardise. Je suis un individu perspicace, sensible et approchable. Surtout, je suis quelqu'un de dédié, une qualité essentielle chez un président. Cette position est plus qu'une simple présence aux réunions et d'avoir une bureau. Cette position est ma représentation de vous pour votre meilleur intérêt.

Passez une bonne journée,

Andrew "Bubbles" Noakowski

SGA Vice President Issues Nominees

"Roller" Tom Billings

Hey there my name is Tom Billings. Some of you may remember me as "roller" Tom from my days living in UC. I am in my fourth year of sociology and am running for vice president student issues.



In the past I have been involved in activism dealing with anti-globalization and have volunteered with the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty and The Ontario Common Front, locally I am a member of Sudbury Global Justice. This year I have focused intensely on student activism and particularly student issues. This year we have been very busy at Laurentian dealing with issues that not only directly affect us here but with the post-secondary population around the province and across the country. On February 6th we held a macaroni and cheese luncheon to take part in the freeze tuition campaign initiated by the Canadian Federation of Students. While shooting a 15-minute video for the campaign we interviewed several community members and were met with a tremendous amount of support not only for a freeze in tuition but a complete removal of tuition fees.

It is my opinion that collectively students have an enormous amount of power and it's going to be my goal to build a sustained student movement on campus that will tend to the needs of all of us, there are strong student movements on other campuses and there is no reason that there shouldn't be one here. The environment that is built on the way to accomplishing such a movement is one of community this in my mind does nothing but facilitate a more comfortable learning environment that all of us deserve.

So hopefully on April second and third you will vote for me and I'll do every thing in my power to effectively represent the student population of our school.

Thanks.

Gary Courchesne

Allow me to introduce myself and my goals. My name is Gary Courchesne, called the "Old Silver Fox" or more endearingly "Stumpy".

I am one of the older students on campus completing my third year in Gerontology. Before setting out on my new career path at Laurentian, I have done many things and lived in many places around the country. I have been a Leading Seaman in the Royal Canadian Navy, a volunteer firefighter, a salesperson, a retail/wholesale business owner, a painting contractor, a stationary engineer 4th class, a class A marine engine mechanic.

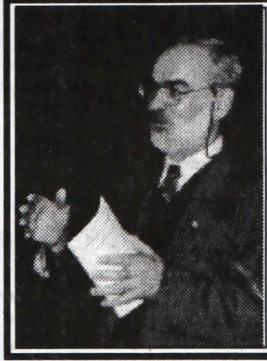
During my studies I have been a class representative and peer tutor at Georgian College in Orillia. President of Mature Students Association at Cambrian College in Sudbury, and am a founding member of the Gerontology Society here at Laurentian.

Since beginning university classes in May of 1999, I have lived at the MSR and over the past three years I have seen many changes, not all the changes have been better for the students and the university.

The issues that concern students are centered on increasing tuition and student costs on campus. However some issues are outside of our university community but still directly affect the students, the faculty and administration in the delivery of our education.

These issues facing Francophone, Native, Special Needs, International, Students of Color, Lesbian, Gay, and Transgender are not just limited to our campus but are of provincial and national importance. All issues are important, that impact on students on and off campus. No matter how small or seemingly unimportant.

If elected Vice - President of Student Issues, I will work diligently to perform the duties mandated in the SGA Constitution. Stressing awareness of issues that will affect students accessibility to post secondary education and be responsible for creating awareness of issues that affect students while they are attending post secondary institutions



John "Doc" Livingstone

Ahoy Lambda readers,

My name is John "Doc" Livingstone and I'm running for the SGA position of V.P. Student Issues. I'm doing this because I believe not only will I be good at the job, I'll be the best at it. (Nothing against the people I'm running against who are both super guys.) Why's this? Simple, I'm approachable and not afraid of the school.

I'm from a military family and thus have lived all over. Consequently, I'm used to constantly dealing with new people and new situations. Meeting new people and expressing our collective wants as students is a major part of the job. Thus I cannot only deal with organizations the SGA liaises with, I can also converse with students I don't know. You can come up to me and talk to me, if you have a problem that needs my attention you can count on the fact that it'll be easy to communicate your needs to me.

You can also count on the fact that I'll do something about that problem. I want people to bring me their problems so that I have an excuse to shout, swear and shake my fist at administration. Don't get me wrong, I realize that most problems with the school may be solved by simply appealing to the appropriate person. I'm all for solutions that leave both the students and school happy. It's just that I really want to help those people with problems Laurentian doesn't care about.

So if you have a problem you can bring it to me easily and take comfort in the fact that I will do everything I possibly can to rectify it. Thanks for reading this letter, I really appreciate it.

Hoping for your vote, I am,
John "Doc" Livingstone



SGA Vice President Services Nominees

Kevin "Cobb" Hayashi

Fellow Students,

I am canvassing for the position of Vice President Services for your SGA. It is your student association, and I therefore would like the opportunity to represent you. Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Kevin Hayashi, but it is quite possible that you may know me simply as Cobb.

I feel that Laurentian University has given me a lot over the past four years, as I worked towards my Law and Justice degree. This University, and the people of it, deserve this favour to be returned, and I believe that I can reciprocate it. My desire to have a positive effect on this school can be seen through my experiences in residence. My mark has been left on University College Residence. I have spent all four years there, the last two holding the position of Resident Assistant. As well, I spent one year on the Executive Residence Council as Vice President. These positions have prepared me for tasks, which come with the aforementioned position.

During my four years, I have obtained some familiarity with the SGA. For the last three years I have worked in the SGA's Pub Downunder as a DJ. I have spent position specific time volunteering as well. I was a member of the planning committee for the SGA's First Annual Charity Ball. I feel this has provided me with a solid base for the task of planning next year's Charity Ball. Another role of the VP Services is to aid in the planning of the Orientation Week. I have volunteered and perilously worked with both the VP Services from this year and last year, as well as the rest of the executive staff, on the collation of the frosh kits.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Kevin Hayashi



Chris Whissell

I am an active 3rd year student. Continuously through my three years at Laurentian, I have attended thesis defences, presentation, activities and have been a participant in every club at Laurentian. I am now learning how I can centralize the events happening in the university. The only way these events are posted currently is through posters. I will be working, as the year comes to a close to bring events in a form more widespread in distribution. Buacracy of university will be a focus point in further endeavours I will engage in for you, the students. I would like to make some simple grass root changes, include the centralization of events going on in campus and, of course, off campus. These will include educational and non-educational presentation and activities and opportunities such as travel and leisure activities. Creating a more open and relaxing environments on campus. This position had never really occurred to me as one of my options, until I began thinking of the great potential the SGA could really have, acting as a major student advocator of change and improvement. I was born in Hanmer and raised in Sudbury. I attended Sudbury Secondary Highschool, and then began my life here at Laurentian studying Geology. This position simply means I may have the possibility of working and helping all students of Laurentian in any and every way. I have always wanted to help people reach their full potential, and I can insure that if I am chosen, my work will be very helpful, visible, and useful to all SGA members and to every student in attendance at our fine Educational Institution of the North.



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Movie Nitpicks

by Hugh Panelas
A&E Editor

I never saw this movie nor am I familiar with these characters at all. I know that I am probably the only person on the planet that hasn't seen all of their movies, but it fits into a genre that doesn't really interest me at all. Jay and Silent Bob Strike was a bit box office hit, but it was a film that I never made it to.

1. When Ben Affleck is showing Jay and Silent Bob the internet you can see the reflection of someone passing on the back of Ben Affleck's computer.
2. When Jay and Bob are in the lab with the animals there is a sign on the tranquilizers that says "in case of emergency, brake glass." As anyone who has studied English knows it should be break glass.
3. When Jay and Silent Bob go into Brodie's comic store after they get kicked out of the Quick Stop they pass a guy holding a comic. When you see him again it's gone and then when you see him again it's back.
4. Before the jewel thieves flip over the lasers they remove their boots. When the alarm goes off they grab the diamonds and rush out leaving their boots. Once outside they get into their car and they're now wearing their boots again.
5. When Silent Bob is typing the reply to their slandering on the internet (Jay is dictating), there are not nearly enough clicks for each letter he should have typed.
6. Before Jay and Silent Bob go into the Mooby restaurant there is a sign behind them that reads Kansas City Missouri. Sissy says they are from the Kansas State chapter of SAAC and they're on their way to Colorado. It would make absolutely no sense to start in Kansas and end up in Missouri on your way to Colorado.
7. When Jay, Silent Bob, and the orangutan Suzanne are in the diner the window glass is not clear, it's the kind of glass that looks distorted and you can't see through it. Yet the window from outside the diner is perfectly clear.
8. As Jay and Bob are on the bicycle and being chased by the studio guards they disrupt a scene being shot for a movie. There are ninja warriors fighting a man in an all-red suit. This is Daredevil, a Marvel Comics hero whose book was re-launched by Kevin Smith a couple of years ago. Yet another little tie-in that non-diehard fans might have missed.

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The 'Ultimate' Series

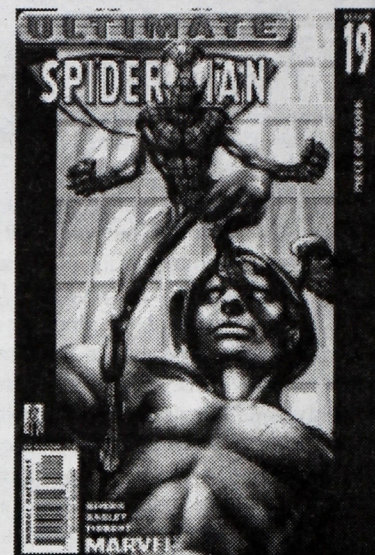
by Nick "Hobo Justice" Stewart
Assistant Editor

While it's always great to stumble onto a lesser-known title, it's sometimes comforting to settle down with a traditional big-name comic book, such as the classic likes of Spider-Man or the X-Men. However, the problem for anyone looking to take a peek into their world is the fact that they've been running for decades; there are tons of storylines, character interactions and plot developments that are nearly impossible to follow up on, short of combing through old issues or the memory of a long-time fan. As a result, it can be tough to get interested when you know that there's tons of back-history that you're missing out on. This is where Marvel's brilliant new idea, the Ultimate series, comes in.

With the Ultimate series, Marvel has essentially pushed the sacred and untouchable big red Reset button that the comic companies have officially labelled "Do Not Touch". That's right, Marvel has gone ahead and completely reset the storylines of both Spider-Man and the X-Men, wiping their slates almost completely clean. Starting from scratch, they take the characters that you've come to know and love, sent them back to their starting blocks, and placed them in a modern-day environment. What this means is that you'll now find a 15-year-old Peter Parker learning to cope with his newfound powers as he attempts to balance his job as the Daily Bugle's web designer, while the X-Men try and stop Magneto from destroying George Bush Jr. And although the writers have been given some leeway to re-imagine their respective worlds, certain plot threads have to be preserved. The X-Men still have to square off against Magneto and the Brotherhood of Mutants and deal with Weapon X,

and Peter Parker still has to face the likes of Electro, Doctor Octopus and the Kingpin, though the circumstances have all changed. For instance, Kraven the Hunter is not only fueled by his drive for the hunt but also by the need to drive up the ratings on his "Crocodile Hunter"-style TV series so as to hit syndication. Another kicker is that each element in the Ultimate line is unified by the presence of good ol' Nick Fury, the new head of S.H.I.E.L.D. Thus, when Magneto assaults Dubya on the White House lawn and Spiderman is discovered crawling and swinging his way around the New York skyline, the James Bond-ian Supreme Headquarters International Espionage Law-Enforcement Division known as S.H.I.E.L.D. looks to step in and have a say. All things considered, it's a truly fantastic way of revisiting these classic characters in brilliant fashion; the art is terrific, the writing is razor-sharp, and they touch upon all the things that you love about these people in ways that make you feel as though you're taking part of it for the first time. The Ultimate X-Men and Spider-Man series are into their 16th and 21st issues, so they're not so far along that you can't get into them, especially since they've released nearly half of each run in graphic novel format. I heavily suggest heading down to Comics North to pick 'em up, and using EBay to pick up the slack. You'll thank yourself for it later.

And then you've got the latest in the Marvel line, simply known as "The Ultimates". Keeping with the idea that Nick Fury -- who bears more than a passing resemblance to Samuel L. Jackson -- has taken up the mantle as the head of S.H.I.E.L.D., The Ultimates tells the story of Fury's drive to put together a team of superhero-types in order to deal with the colossal super-villainous threat that has been emerging on the global stage. However, since mutants have been the source of many of these problems, he can't risk putting any into this new "Ultimate" team (like, say, The Fantastic Four, as suggested by Iron Man himself). As a result, Fury looks to a host of new players to fill the roster, with such trusted names as the aforementioned Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, the Wasp, and Giant Man. Now, it's important to keep in mind that I have never liked any of these characters, as they've always seemed a little too tired, a little too conceptually lame to stand alongside the likes of Spidey and the gang. How-



ever, since this is part of the Ultimate line, each character has been re-invented to suit the "reset" flavor. Tony Stark, a.k.a. Iron Man, is now a jet-setting Fortune 500 playboy who sips martinis and revels in a multi-billion dollar name-band recognition in most every product imaginable; Captain America is "a solder with John Glenn's buzz-cut cool, John McCain's politics, and Mike Tyson's right cross", and Thor is now a popular, charismatic "New Age guru who may either be the living son of a Norse god, or a lunatic with a big hammer." Now, I hate to quote previews of the series to describe the characters, but the series is only on its second issue, and is taking its sweet time to develop the characters, unlike the Ultimate X-Men, which leapt screaming into action right off the bat. This isn't a bad thing; in fact, it's comforting to know that they're taking the time to flesh out the characters. However, it leaves me at a loss to describe how the Hulk fits into the puzzle. Yeap, that's right, the Hulk; in this reset storyline, Banner is the lead scientist on Fury's Super-Soldier Serum project (which, in the early 40s, led to the creation of the first Captain America). Although his first attempts at creating the serum failed and turned Banner into his mutated ultra-destructive alter-ego (thus putting a new spin on his initial gamma radiation origins), his Hulk cells have been out of his system for months...though you know it's only a matter of time before things break down. The writing is done by Mark Millar, who has done a really solid job with the Ultimate X-Men series -- whose pacing is almost the exact opposite of this series -- and he's done a great job with The Ultimates thus far. The series comes very highly recommended, if only to see how things develop. Pop down to Comics North and get into it before things get too far along.



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Cal - "Hey Guy, guess who guy, do you want to guess? Now's your guessing time. OK I'll give you a hint... It's me guy, your best buddy Cal. Did you guess... ah guy." You're dumb but nice, you have all the luck with the ladies yet no one knows why.

Aries

Nitz - "Ah crap! Next year when I'm in college I'm going to do stuff." If you watch the show you would realize that next year you aren't going to do stuff.

Taurus

Gimpy - "I like star wars... I just haven't told you in awhile. And I thank you not to mock my lifestyle." You're computer geek, star wars watching nerd that never knows the time of day but we commend you on yourself confidence, and determination to live life the way you want to, even if it is creepy.

Gemini

Rocko - "Hey Gimpy, can I jack off in your room?" Sadly this thought has crossed your mind. Porn, beer, smoking, porn, slap in the face, beer... your life story. Join a frat.

Cancer

Rita - (Gimpy's RA)~ "STUDENT!!! You are in direct violation of..." Like Rita you appear as an uptight and rigid individual but are wild and sexy underneath... just needs a guy like Cal to bring it out!

Leo

Mump - "Sir, I have peeled your grapes for you, and polished all your star wars figurines." You are eager to please, loyal to the point of stalking.

Virgo

Jesse - "Whatever, Nitz." You are the ultimate chick who's never fully appreciated... the Betty Cooper of Undergrads. You know what you want and are willing to wait for it.

Libra

Kruger - "f*** that..." You are laid back, comfortable being yourself, and are not out to impress anyone. Fluent in Sailorese.

Scorpio

Brodie - "But if you notice what Spielberg does in this particular scene..." You talk to hear yourself speak. You tend to try to pass the thoughts of others off as your own.

Sagittarius

The Duggler - "Who always wears flip flops in the shower... The Duggler, Once I bought a happy meal and there were TWO prizes inside... the Duggler, I have an automatic pencil and the lead never breaks... the Duggler." Self-righteous, and boring are two words that come to mind when people think of you. You are and always will be right.... well that's what you think... run around naked outside and you'll feel better.

Capricorn

Bobby (Rocko's drinking induced hallucination) - "I can't be your roommate Rocko... i'm an alcohol induced hallucination." You are so great and wise, people don't think you are real. But to others you are their very bestest friend.

Aquarius

Kimmy - "Oh Nitz, i'm so glad that you are here... I blah blah blah... and then I yedda yedda yedda." You are a self-absorbed pain in the ass. You are naive about others sexual orientation, and may get hurt because of it. Instead of looking at the pretty package your crush comes in, look a little deeper for once.

Weekly World News Briefs

WAVE OF DAVID HASSELHOFF BABIES BAFFLES DOCS!

HARTSVILLE, S.C. - Scientists admit they can't explain a tidal wave of births of babies all across the nation who are the spitting image of Baywatch hunk David Hasselhoff!

The estimated 114 youngsters, born to different moms in cities from Tacoma, Wash., to Biloxi, Miss., are unrelated to each other or to the TV star. And the baffling condition is now so widespread, doctors have even given it a name - Hasselhoff Syndrome.

"The first thing people ask is whether Mr. Hasselhoff could have fathered all these children and the answer is a definitive 'no,'" said one medical researcher. "We've established that many of these children were born in small towns where the actor has never been. And even if one man could have been so busy, DNA tests prove to a high degree of certainty that none of these children have the same dad." New mom Lisa Gortisman, 34, of Hartsville, S.C., says she was stunned to realize her squirming newborn son Noah had the mug of the legendary TV lifeguard. "No one on either side of our family looks one bit like David Hasselhoff," she says.

One Harvard professor attributes the syndrome to the "power of suggestion," noting that Baywatch is listed as the most watched TV show of all time, worldwide. "It's widely believed that what a woman sees before giving birth can mold her baby's appearance," he points out. "We may now have evidence this 'old wives' tale is true." A more sinister explanation is proposed by British UFO expert Carl Mayter. He says the newborns may be aliens designed to look human and secretly deposited on Earth. "In all likelihood, space aliens have been receiving our TV broadcasts for years," he said. "They may well have modeled their 'changelings' on Mr. Hasselhoff," he said.

Such unsettling theories don't rattle most of the moms, who are tickled pink that their tots have Hasselhoff Syndrome. "I'm just glad my boy is a dead ringer for a cutie like David Hasselhoff," laughs one 28-year-old mom in Lancaster, Pa. "I mean, it could've been Lyle Lovett Syndrome!"

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BY MAT THOMPSON

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From the Diary of Rabid-Squirrel

- Eternal Wisdom Coated in Sugar and Yellow Dye #3
You're Going to Want More an Hour From Now

Apparently, the Unemployment Office was tired of having packs of llamas clog their entryway, spitting on passersby and assaulting them with unfunny jokes. Yep, that's right, they hooked me up with a job, and a sweet one at that: you're lookin' at the newest writer for Uncle Jed's Fortune Cookie Company / Toxic Waste Dump, Fortune Composition Division. How prestigious it is to be working for the establishment that brought the world such Nuggets of Wisdom as "People say you have sharp sense of fashion but smell funny" and "You want to go to Hell".

I've already hit the Fortune Composition labs with a few Nuggets of my own, and while I'm bound by contract (not to mention the threat of having my kneecaps used as doorstops for the janitor's bathroom) not to spill any trade secrets, I'm gonna post a few of my latest:

○ "May the Rabid Squirrel of Happiness Climb Up Your Pantleg"

"Your Accountant is Wrong"

"The Forces of Evil Will Wreak Havoc Upon Your Furniture After You Serve Them Some Bad Dip At Your Next Party"

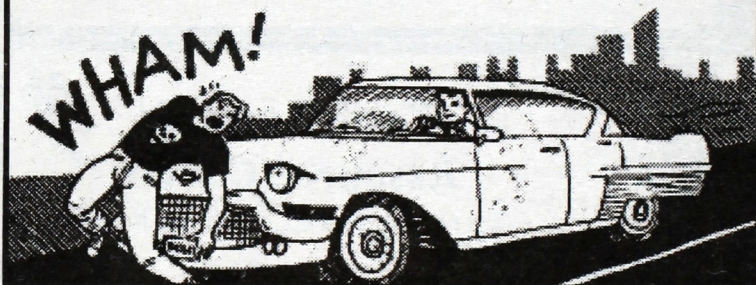
"Your Lucky Number is 12, But Then Again Maybe It Isn't"

○ "The Chef Spit In Your Food"

I'm pretty excited about this whole thing, though I'm a little upset about having to share a cubicle with a naked midget. I mean, he's so noisy, constantly screaming about needing to shave a goat, and I can't say that I'm overly impressed with the fact that he apparently feels the need to slamdance on my desk at one o'clock sharp for ten minutes every day. Ah well, such is the price of greatness. So long as he keeps taking showers and refrains from bringing Stan the Crazy Bum into the cubicle again, I'll be fine.

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WWF Tidbits

by Hugh Panelas
A&E Editor

What all wrestling fans should be dreading is finally going to become a reality. I am speaking about this whole WWF roster split. Whoever thought that this idea was going to be a good one should be fired immediately. In case you all missed RAW this week — I wish I did — the following actions are going to be taking place. Vince McMahon will have control of SmackDown while Ric Flair will have control of RAW. There will be a draft this upcoming week to determine which wrestlers will be on what show. The WWF men's and women's champion will be able to roam freely from show to show but the woman's division, the cruiserweight division and such will each have a home on a particular show and there will be no crossovers. The WWF is also talking about having 2 pay per views a month now.

Here's the problem. Sometimes fans can't or don't have the ability to watch both SmackDown and RAW. People are going to be lost and have no idea what's going on. I hate Ric Flair. I will be forced to watch only Ric Flair because Vince is on SmackDown. I can't watch SmackDown because of other commitments. Some of the wrestlers are going to be forgotten because they will not have the exposure that both shows will provide. This is a terrible idea and it will fall on its ass. The only reason for the move is that there are too many WWF wrestlers that are sitting at home and getting paid. Well here's my suggestion. Fire the useless stars and cut some losses. Keep the product good and don't water it down. I really feel that this will be worse than the old WCW. Hopefully it is just a work and everything will be ok in the end.

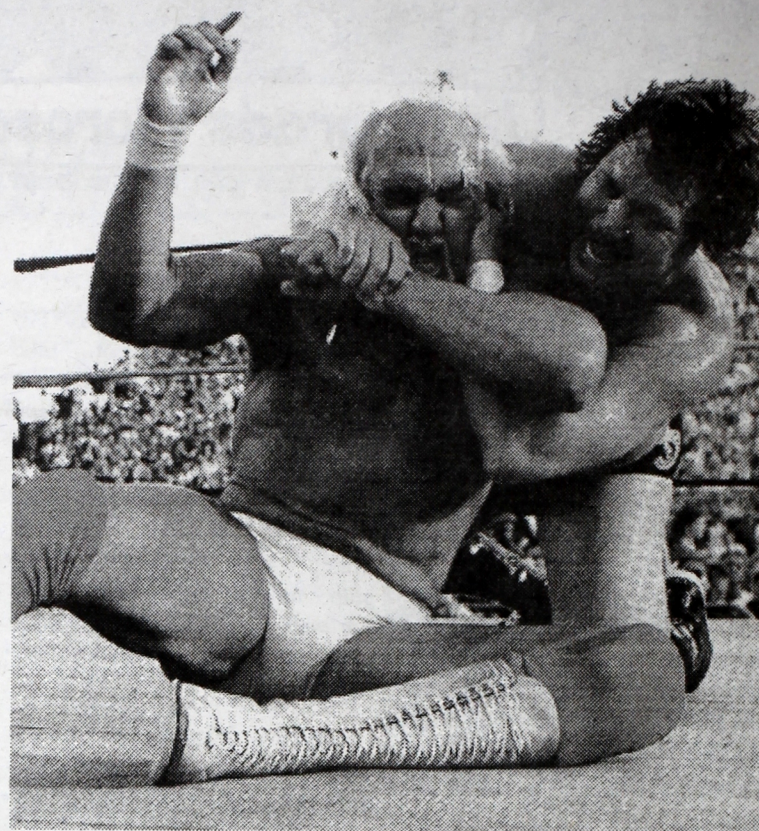
Wrestling fans all around the world hold certain days special. For instance, Monday and Thursdays are important because that is when RAW and SmackDown are on TV. Sundays are also special because once a month there is a Pay Per Views on that day. There are some other very important days and pieces of information that you all not might not be aware of. That's why I have come up with a list of some special days that we all might not be aware of.

January 26, 1978

This is the first time that two heavy-weight champions fought in the modern era of wrestling. WWF champion Superstar Billy Graham squared off against NWA champion Handsome Harley Race. No winner was declared as it was a best 2 out of 3 match and the time ran out during the deciding fall. Each man had won one decision so it was a tie.

February 16, 1981

WWF champion and Mr. Innocent Bob Backlund will remember this day as he defended the title against Stan "the Lariat" Hansen at Madison Square Garden. The reason that this day is so unique is the fact that the match was stopped due to excessive bleeding. Who ever thought that Bob Backlund had it in him?



Help me up... I think I broke my hip!

February 18, 1985

It was on this day that the WWF had an event called "The War to Settle the Score" and it was broadcast on MTV. The main attraction was Rowdy Roddy Piper vs. Champion Hulk Hogan. There was outside interference from Mr. T and Cyndi Lauper and it was also the foundation for the main event at the first WrestleMania.

February 26, 1997

The WWF created a new championship on this day for the first time in 17 years. The British Bulldog and Owen Hart squared off in Berlin, Germany to determine the winner of the tournament and the first ever European Champion. The British Bulldog became the first ever champion.

March 1, 1986

This was the day that the first ever Slammy Awards were held. It was broadcast on MTV and it was a fun way of awarding the federation's superstars with their own trophies.

February 13, 1997

The Rock, known then as Rocky Maivia captured his first federation title as he defeated HHH for the WWF Intercontinental Championship. This was also the first time that the two superstars would ever face off against each other.

February 3, 2001

This is the date that the first and now only XFL season kicked off. The league featured 8 teams, those being the Orlando Rage, the Birmingham Thunderbolts, the San Francisco Demons, the Chicago Enforcers, the Las Vegas Outlaws, the Los Angeles Xtreme and the Memphis Maniax.

Other Interesting Facts

- Both the Godfather and Diesel played basketball in college. Diesel even played professional basketball in Europe for a few seasons

- In the first half of the nineteenth century Abraham Lincoln was a professional wrestler. Apparently he racked up a number of impressive wins.

- There have only been 8 WWF presidents/commissioners in the history of the company. Here's a list of the men that have tackled the job:

Willie Gilzenberg 1963-1978

Hisashi Shinma 1978-1984

Jack Tunney 1984-1995

Gorilla Monsoon 1995-1997 (Roddy Piper was the interim president in 1996)

Sgt. Slaughter 1997-1998

Shawn Michaels 1998-2000

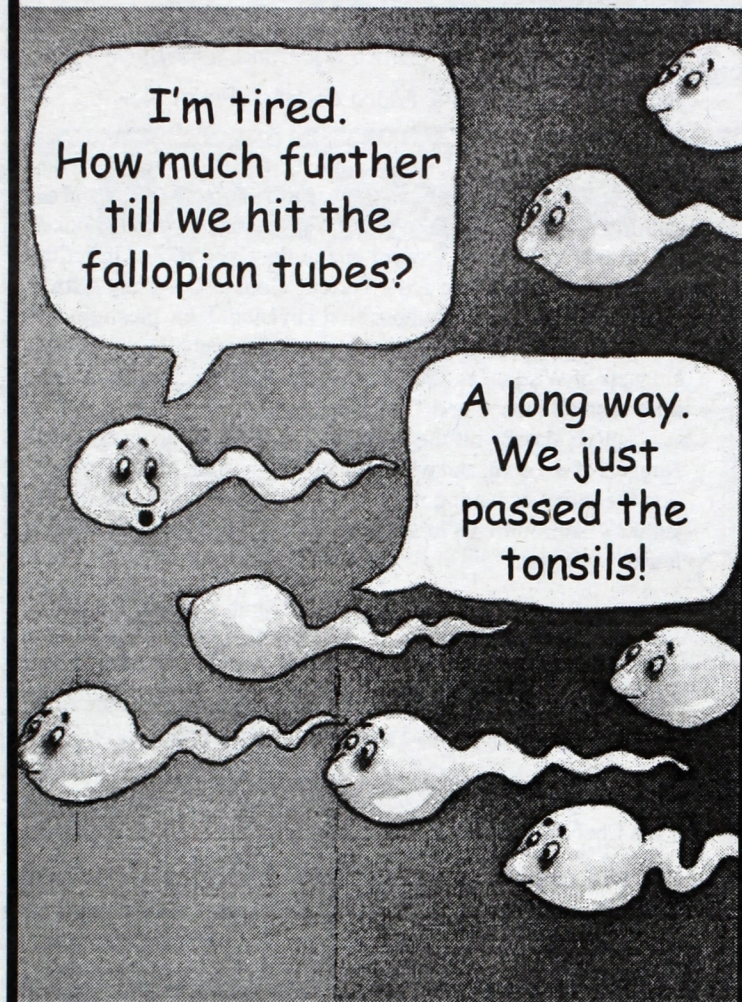
Mick Foley 2000-2001

- No Way Out has been the name of the WWF's February pay per view since 1998. It was changed only once to the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. That is the event that Stone Cold Steve Austin and Vince McMahon fought each other inside of a steel cage. It's also the day that the Big Show debuted.

- There have been 6 men in WWF history that has represented their country at the Olympics. In each case it was at the Summer Olympics: Mad Dog Vachon 1948 - wrestling Iron Sheik 1968 - wrestling Ken Patera 1972 - weightlifting Brad Rheingans 1976 - wrestling Mark Henry 1996 - weightlifting Kurt Angle - wrestling

- There have only ever been three actual submission victories in WrestleMania history. The first was at the first WrestleMania where Tito Santana beat the Executioner with the figure four leg lock. The second was at WrestleMania 6. Koko B Ware submitted to Rick "the Model" Martel's Boston crab. The only other time was at WrestleMania 11 when Bret Hart beat Bob Backlund in their "I Quit" match.

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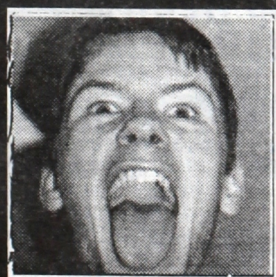
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